Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the combustion residue of coated, wood-free paper having an ISO brightness of 80% or more and an opacity of 80% or more, wherein said method comprises making said coated, wood-free paper with a coating pigment comprising calcium oxalate, wherein the [[a]] proportion of [[the]] calcium oxalate that is in said [[the]] pigment is between 10% and 100% by weight of said [[the]] pigment, and wherein said coated, wood-free paper has a reduced [[less]] combustion residue when compared to that of a coated, wood-free paper containing the same amount of a pigment other than calcium oxalate.

2-3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ISO brightness is over 90% and said opacity is over 90%.

5-6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously presented) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, wherein the amount of calcium oxalate is 0.1 to 90% by weight, calculated from a total weight of dry matter of the coated, wood-free paper.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, wherein said calcium oxalate is a monohydrate that has been ground and over 90% of the particles of said ground calcium oxalate that are used are smaller than 2.3 μm and only 10% are smaller than 0.5 μm.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously presented) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, wherein said calcium oxalate is calcium oxalate monohydrate.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, said method further comprising using a second pigment or filler selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium sulphate, aluminum silicate, kaolin, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium silicate, talc, titanium dioxide, silica, barium sulphate and combinations thereof.

12. (Currently amended) A method of reducing wear of a coated, wood-free paper-making wire, wherein said method comprises using said wire to make a coated, wood-free paper and incorporating calcium oxalate into said coated, wood-free paper or into a coating color used in said coated, wood-free paper, wherein said calcium oxalate comprises 10 to 100% by weight of total pigment, and thereby reducing wear of the coated, wood-free paper-making wire.

13. (Currently amended) Coated, wood-free paper comprising a pigment comprising calcium oxalate, wherein said coated, wood-free paper has an ISO brightness of over 80% and an opacity of over 80%, and wherein said coated, wood-free paper has a reduced [[less]] combustion residue when compared to that of a coated, wood-free paper containing the same amount of a pigment other than calcium.

14. (Previously presented) The coated, wood-free paper according to claim 13 or 33, wherein said coated, wood-free paper has a maximum combustion residue of 35%, calculated from a total weight of dry matter of the coated, wood-free paper.

15. (Previously presented) The coated, wood-free paper of claim 13 or 33, wherein said coated, wood-free paper further comprises fillers or coating pigments other than calcium oxalate.

16. (Previously presented) The coated, wood-free paper according to any of claims 13 to 15, wherein the total content of said calcium oxalate is over 85% of the total weight of the dry matter of said coated, wood-free paper.

17-30. (Canceled).

31. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising making said coated, wood-free paper with a filler that comprises calcium oxalate.

32. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein said coated, wood-free paper comprises a filler that comprises calcium oxalate.

33. (Previously presented) The coated, wood-free paper according to claim 13, further comprising a filler that comprises calcium oxalate.

34. (Previously presented) The coated, wood-free paper according to claim 15, wherein a total content of said calcium oxalate is over 85% of a total weight of dry matter of said coated, wood-free paper.